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SECTION I

During October, November and December 1966, an Ocean-Bottom Seismograph experiment was conducted near the Kurile Islands to evaluate the seismicity of the area and to confirm the operational worthiness it the instrument. In addition to the recording of earthquakes, calibration charges were fired to provide additional data for evaluation of travel times for this region. The objective of this report is to detail the procedures developed for the explosion program and to give the reliability of the calibration data.

The explosive used was 120,000 lb of high-energy composition B packed in 50-lb cubical cans (9-1/2 in. side), which was shot in ten 5.2-ton, six 1-ton and one 1.5-ton packages. These charges were exploded in a network designed to provide optimum recording on the ocean-bottom instrumentation and minimum damage to marine life. The shots were restricted to the following conditions: daylight hours, 2 mi or more from any approaching vessel, a minimum of 1300 fm of water depth, and/or more than 100 km from land.

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SECTION II METHOD

Ship Rigging — Figure 1 shows the 165-ft M/V Campeche Seal and the special rigging necessary to accomplish the calibration program.

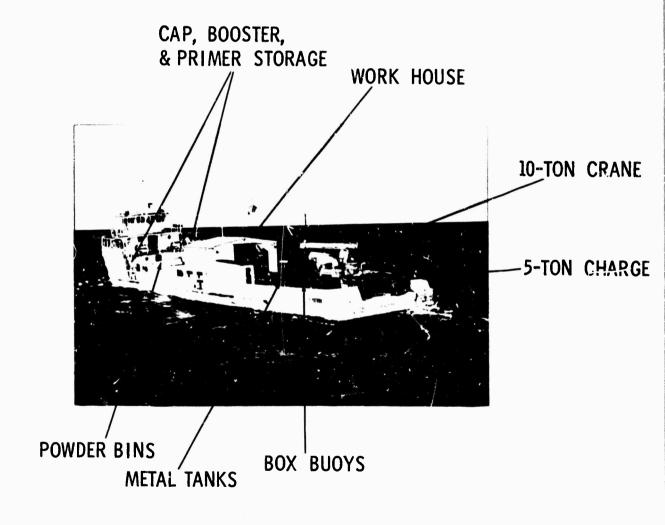


Figure 1. M/V Campeche Seal



For powder storage, two 210-x-135-x-38-in. wood-lined powder bins were constructed, each providing a 61,600-lb or 1232-can capacity. Caps, boosters and primers were stored in two wood-lined metal boxes behind the ship's superstructure. Roller conveyers were used to move the powder 75 to 100 ft to the loading area.

Each charge was launched from the stern of the M/V Campeche Seal by lifting an A-frame with a 10-ton hydraulic crane (Figure 2). The charges were placed on two 2-x-6-x-84-in. wooden skids. When the A-frame was inclined, the charge slid into the water.

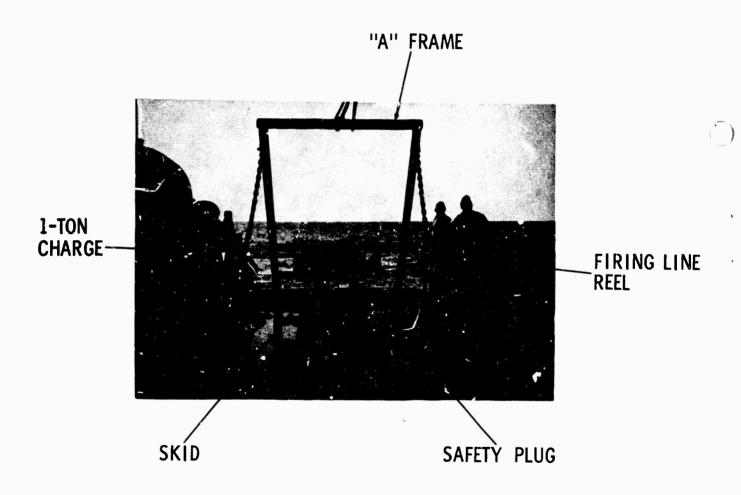


Figure 2. A-Frame Assembly



Material — Explosives used were government-furnished property stored at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Depot in Bangor, Washington, and delivered to the Naval Ordnance Depot in Seal Beach, California. Primers, boosters and caps were obtained from the Washington state supply center of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Inc.

The material list for the calibration shots included:

- Firing equipment firing line, blaster, blasting-cap safety plug, marine geophone, WWV receiver, 6-channel galvoamplifier, and Visicorder
- e Packaging material metal banding, nylon line, manila rope, jet engine tanks, and lumber
- Flotation material nylon line, polyurethane inflatable buoys, styrofoam blocks, and wooden box buoys filled with styrofoam

The appendix presents a complete inventory containing specific material requirements.

1-Ton Charge — Each 1-ton charge was constructed of two layers of 20 cans banded to a 38-x-48-in. wooden pallet with 115 ft of 1-in. banding (Figure 3). To allow space for primers, two 5-x-9-in. spacers were placed in the top and side of each charge. Two primers, two boosters and two caps were used to fire each of these charges.



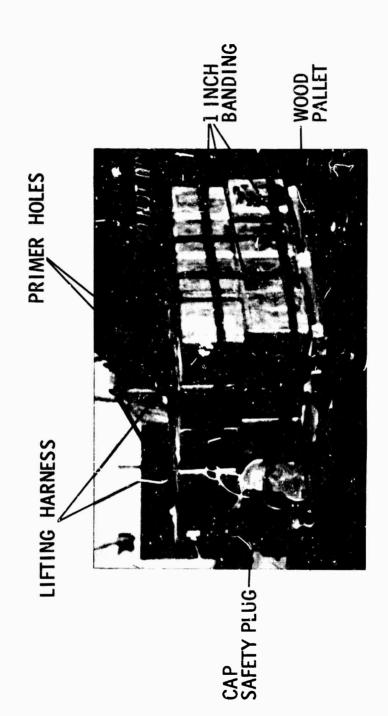


Figure 3. 1-Ton Charge



5.2-Ton Charge - The 5.2-ton charge consisted of 209 cans of explosive packaged in a 4-x-5-x-9.5-ft metal tank (Figure 4). Four primers, four boosters, and four caps were placed at intervals in the middle two rows of cans for charge detonation (with the exception of E7A and E14 where three of each component were used in a similar method). For E12, E13, E7A, and E14, two plywood sheets were used to cover the charge, reducing to half the quantity of banding normally used. These charges were constructed in the launch position.

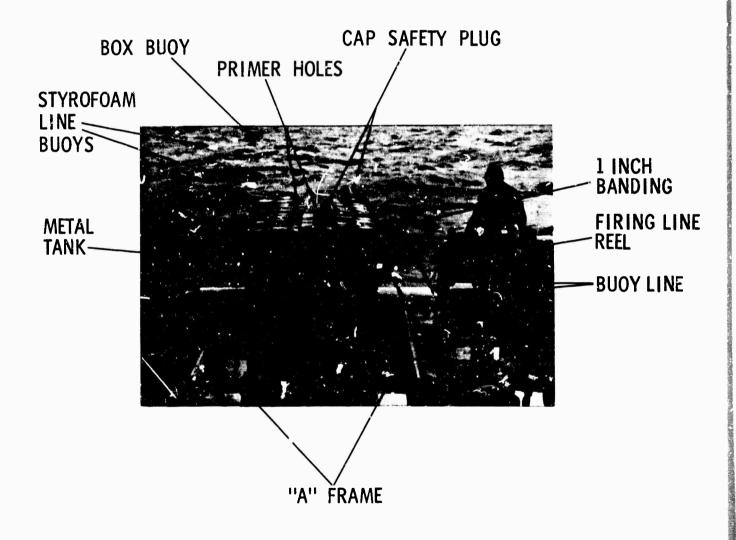


Figure 4. 5.2-Ton Charge



Launching Technique — A lifting harness made of 3/4-in. dia ny on line was looped around each 1-ton charge. This line was positioned on opposite sides of the charge by 2-x-4-x-36-in. wooden spacers. Then, a 10-ton crane was used to move each charge from the workhouse to the stern of the ship. As stated earlier, each charge was placed on two 2-x-6-x-84 in. wooden skids which were on an inclinable A-frame.

After each 1-ton charge was positioned, a 300-ft, 1-in.-dia nylon buoy line was attached to the lifting harness on the outboard side of the charge.

For flotation, five 30-x-36-in. oval polyurethane surface buoys and three 10-x-20-x-36-in. styrofoam blocks were spaced at 75-ft intervals along the buoy line. Wound on a firing-line reel adjacent to the charge was 1 mi of Type DSA-500-31246 firing line; this lightweight firing line was used because of its comparative case of handling.

During early shots with the 5.2-ton charge, the buoy line was wrapped around the rim of the charge, resulting in a loss of approximately 30 ft of line per charge; therefore, a separate harness line was used during the latter part of the program.

In addition to the flotation material used for 1-ton charges, three styrofoam blocks used for the buoy line (600 ft of 1 1/2-in. nylon line) and a box buoy filled with styrofoam were required for the 5-ton charge.

Type DSA-500-31246 firing line was also used for this charge.

After either 1-ton or 5.2-ton charges were brought into launch position, they were loaded with primers and boosters and the caps placed in safety plugs. The cap leads were connected to the firing line, and both leads and the firing line were tied to the buoy lines. During this time and continuing through the detonation period, radio and radar transmitting equipment was turned off as a safety precaution to prevent premature detenation of the filing caps.



Buoys and line were thrown overboard, with the ship proceeding at a slow speed. Some firing line was released and then the caps placed in the boosters. As the buoys began to pull against the charge, the crane lifted the A-frame, launching the charge.

Detonation — The calibration charges were distributed in a network (Figure 5) which provided optimum recording within the stated restrictions. Charges were detonated from 0.5 to 0.75 mi from the ship and were 300 to 680 ft below the surface of the water. Table 1 presents the operational and observational data for the complete explosion series.

It took approximately 45 sec for the 1-ton charge to reach the 300-ft extent of the buoy line and 75 sec for the 5.2-ton charge to reach 600 ft. For the 1-ton charge, the distance between ship and charge was about 2600 ft; this distance was increased to about 4500 ft for the 5.2-ton charge. When the proper distance was reached, the ship was stopped and the following steps initiated:

- Cap check (firing-line resistance check made from blaster through blasting caps, confirming firing line impedance)
- Firing line connected to blaster
- Marine geophone dropped to depth of 20 ft
- Blaster charged with 2000 v, and time calibration verified from WWV receiver
- Paper recorder started 5 sec before detonation in order to record time of detonation, time signal and marine geophone response
- Charge detonated
- Firing line, buoy and buoy line retrieved

Figure 6 shows the Visicorder recording for a 5.2-ton charge. (Time signals are discussed in Appendix A.)



Table 1 CHARGE DETONATION DATA

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Water Depth**	2206 ^b	2300	3091 ^b	3018 ^b	9877	4454 _b	2660ª	2393 ^b	2215ª	3130ª	q0661	1826 b	2702 ^b	4324 ^b	1417 ^b	3945 ^b	4540 ^b
Charge Depth (ft)	315	315	315	630	315	009	570	540	315	315	910	089	089	680	089	089	630
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23:23:03.7

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23:24:03.4

Visicorder Record

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Operational

(CMT)

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Water depths are obtained from fathometer data and/or pressure wave travel-time computations with the method . : d indicated by an a (fathorieter data) or a b (travel-time computation),

Times, representing arrivals of pressure waves received by a marine geophone (see Material Inventory, Appendix B. for description) and recorded on a Visicorder, are converted to GMT and are accurate to ±0.1 sec. 0000 0000

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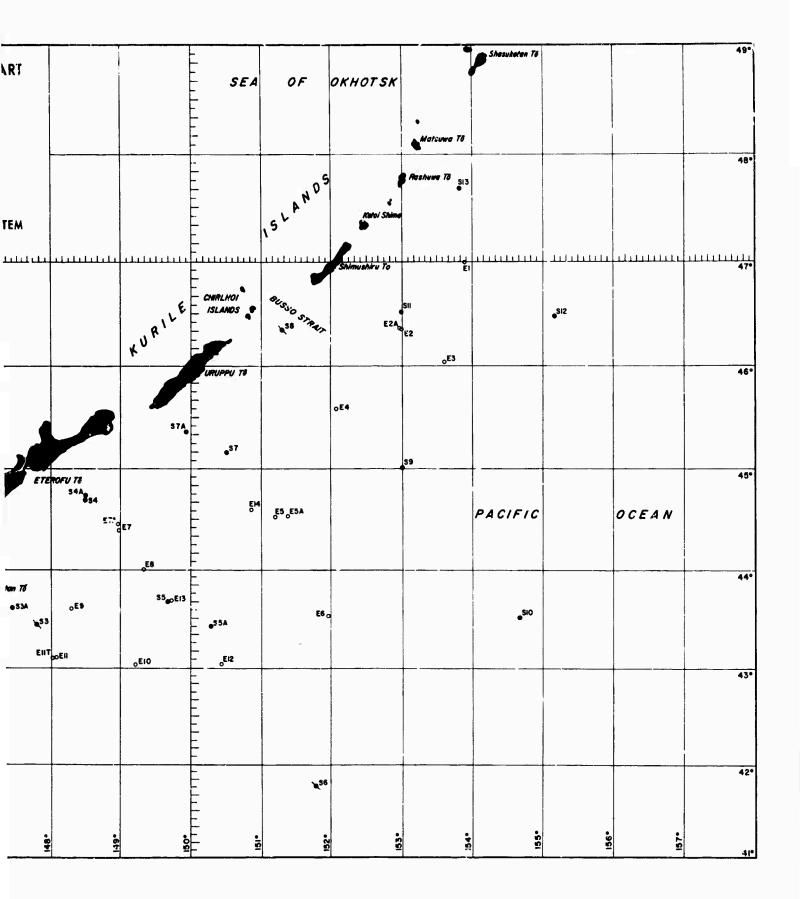
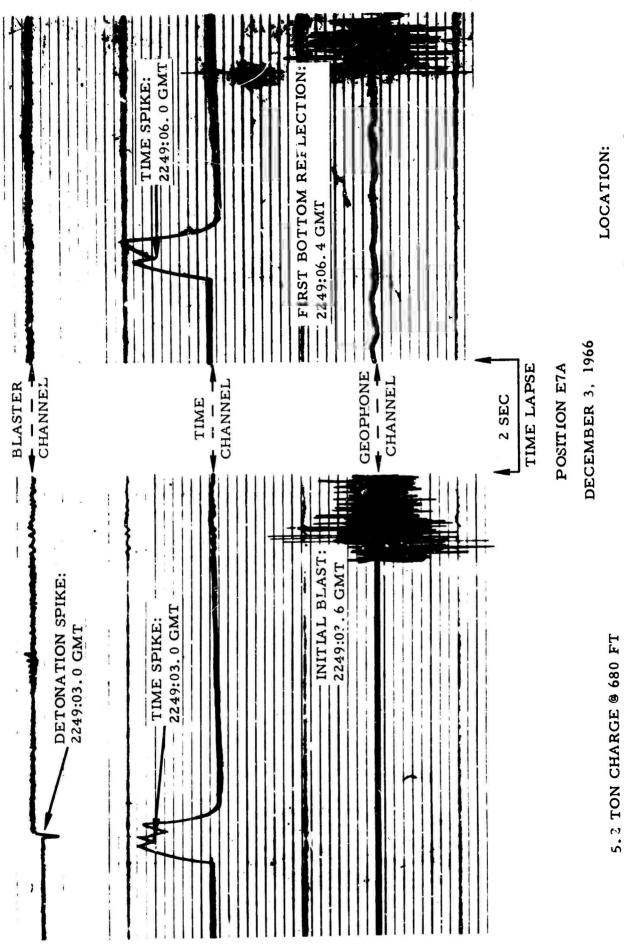


Figure 5. Event and System Chart



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44°25.51N

Figure 6. Visicorder Recording, 5.2-Ton Charge Detonation

WATER DEPTH: 1417 FM

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SECTION III CRITIQUE

This program was completed 5 December 1966 without a misfire. The operational procedure gave good data results.

The ship's rigging contributed greatly to the program's success. An A-frame and crane combination is recommended for future operations.

A 2000-v blaster was not capable of firing charges when more than 1 mi of Type DSA-500-31246 firing line was used.

Rough weather conditions and the need to rely upon celestial navigation forced some delay in schedule and uncertainty in event locations. The vessel was stable enough that charges could be loaded in 15-ft seas as the ship moved between locations.



APPENDIX A
RELIABILITY DATA

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APPENDIX A RELIABILITY DATA

Event timing reliability varies with Visicorder record quality and/or time-signal reception. Record quality classification (Table 1) is based upon both, with emphasis on time-signal interpretation. Figure A-1, showing several time traces and their interpretation, gives additional time-signal characteristics. Signal distortion may occur (Figure 6) due to noise, interference, etc.; however, reliable time interpretation is possible with detailed analysis.

Charge-depth reliability is indicated in Table 1 and discussed at the bottom of the table.

Water depths have been computed (Figure A-2) for each event where a geophone recording was available. Disagreements between these and fathometer data are due to ship's drift while the fathometer was off. Depth values in Table 1 have not been corrected for velocity gradient but are the most reliable when computed depths are used and are the best estimate with fathometer depths.

A 2- to 5-mi shotpoint-position accuracy was estimated after considering distance to the nearest celestial fix and weather conditions during fix, voyage traverse and at locations. Additional information on location reliability for events and systems can be found in Special Report No. 3 (Bathymetric Report, Kurile Experiment).

Geophone data on Visicorder recordings are as reliable as record quality. Resulting depth calculations are the most accurate for event locations.

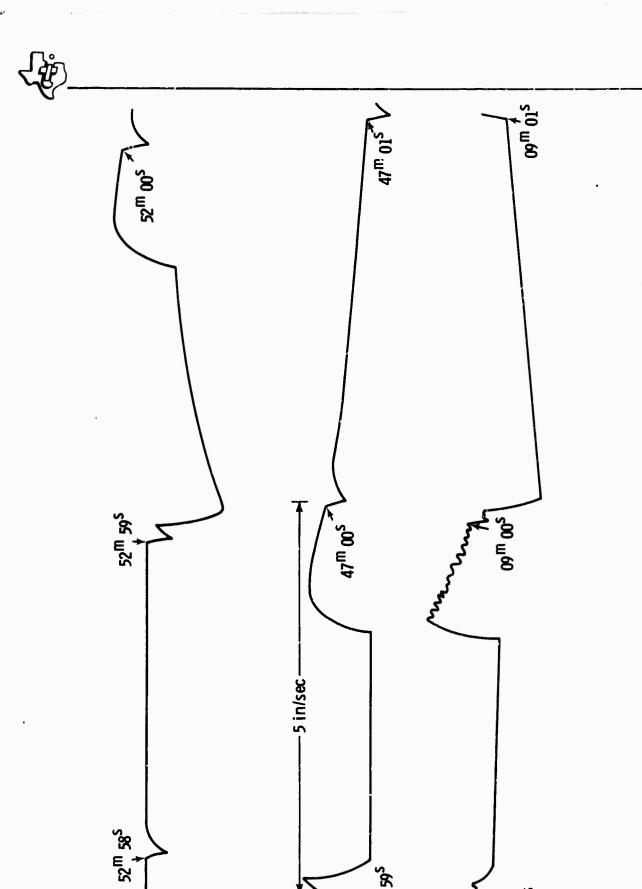


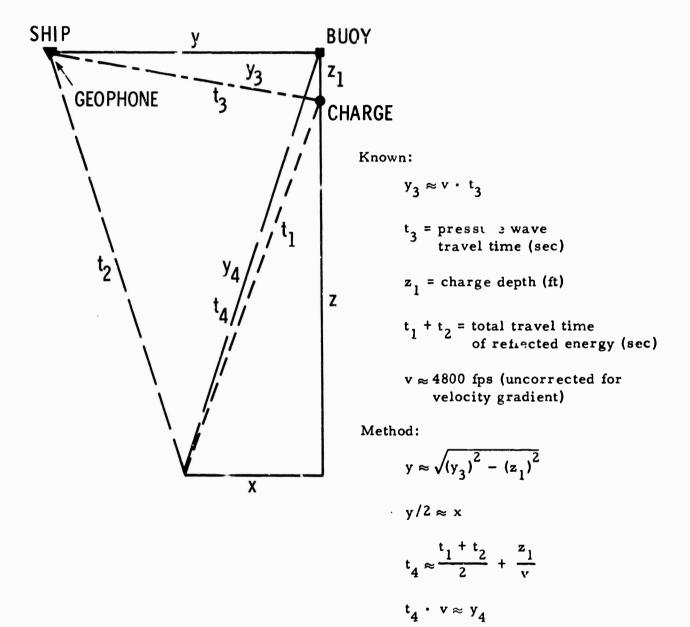
Figure A-1. Visicorder Recording of Three Time Signals Characteristic of Explosive Data

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Note: Results from this method are approximate values. Depth accuracy was limited because velocity gradient was not considered, charge depth inaccuracy was ±20 fm maximum and wave propagation angles were workable approximations.

Figure A-2. Travel-Time Computations

 $z + z_1 \approx \sqrt{(y_4)^2 - x^2}$



APPENDIX B
MATERIAL INVENTORY

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APPENDIX B MATERIAL INVENTORY

A. MATERIAL FOR EXPLOSIVES

- 120,000-lb Composition B Class HE explosive: 2400-50 lb, 9-1/2-x 9-1/2 x 9-1/2-in. cans
- 2. 60 primers: EL-637, 4x9 in., 7 ib
- 3. 100 WW boosters
- 4. 100 caps with 20-ft leads
- 5. Two insulated metal explosive boxes
- 6. Two wood-lined powder bins, $210 \times 135 \times 38$ in.

B. PACKAGING MATERIAL

- 1. 10 metal tanks, $4 \times 5 \times 9-1/2$ ft, 209-can capacity each
- 2. Six 650-ft rolls of 1-in. metal banding
- 3. One Signode coil box: DA/14, size 114
- 4. One Signode crimping tool: B-1435, size $1\frac{1}{4.035}$, PH 3136
- 5. 200 Signode metal clips: No. 114 OF
- 6. One Signode tensioner: 3A-114, PH 1146
- 7. One cutting tool
- 2. 2000 ft of 1/2-in. general-purpose nylon line
- 9. 75 lb of 1/4-in. manila . pe
- 10. Eight 10-ft roller conveyors



C. FLOTATION MATERIAL

- 1. 10 polyuretha..e buoys, 30×36 in.
- 2. Two 8 x 4 x 4-ft wooden box buoys filled with styrofoam
- 3. 1800 ft of 1-1/2-in. nylon line (5-ton charge buoy line)
- 4. 1800 ft of 1-in. mylon line (1-ton charge buoy line)
- \sim 42 styrofoam blocks (line buoys), 10 x 20 x 9-ft

D. LUMBER

1. Lumber for one 1-ton charge:

Qty	Dimensions (in.)	Use
2	2 x 4 x 36	Lifting harness spacers
3	2 x 4 x 48	Pallet frame
2	1 x 6 x 38	D. W.
4	$1 \times 12 \times 38$	Pallet cover
2	2 x 6 x 84	Skids

2. Lumber for one 5-ton charge:

Qty	Dimensions (in.)	Use
4	1 x 12 x 96	Side spacers
1	1 x 12 x 108	Bottom board
1	2 x 6 x 108	Top board
4	2 x 6 x 84	Slide boards
2	$1 \times 6 \times 36$	Skids Slide-board spacers
8	l x 2 x ó	Slide-board separators

For charge with reduced banding:

Qty	Dimensions	Use
2	1/2" x 19" x 8'	Plywood top covers



3. Nails

- a. 10 lb of Size 6 common nails
- b. 10 ib of Size 10 common nails

E. FIRING-LINE EQUIPMENT

- Type 18 Tc WPR, Catalog No. i15-0559-01 heavy-duty, 2-conductor copper-coated steel with neoprene insulation, telephone wire. Firing capabilities: 2 mi at 2000 v
- 2. Type: Catalog No. 6145-243-8466 telephone cable, WD 1/TT on reel RL-159/u, copper-coated steel stranded 2-conductor wire with plastic insulation. Firing capabilities: 1 mi at 2000 v
- 3. Blasting cap safety plug, styrofoam ball with wood core. Hole for cap drilled in wood. Nail on each side used to secure temporary tag line and cap lead
- 4. Blaster, SIE (Southwestern Industrial Electronics) high-voltage blaster, SCD-2000 Bm, Serial No. 4669E
- 5. Marine geophone, HPL Model S40P (1956); 30 it. x 2.5 in., 12 lb; frequency response, 0.03 v/in./sec @ 7 cps and 0.1 v/in./sec @ 15 cps; resonance frequency, 10 cps; output resistor, 500 ohms
- 6. WWV receiver, Specify Products Inc. Model No. WWVT 5-band receiver
- 7. Visicorder, Minneapolis Honeywell, Inc., Model No. 536, 12-channel paper recorder
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